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Heinz attacked in Tass

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WASHINGTON — Sen. John Heinz, that well-known Yankee imperialist, has been scored in the columns of Tass, the Soviet Union's official government news agency.

The senator, according to a Dec. 19 dispatch written for Tass by its Moscow reporter, Yuri Kornilov, supports U.S. arms shipments to 3,000 "bandits who are engaged in counterrevolutionary activities against Afghanistan from the territory of Pakistan."

Kornilov wrote his story in reaction to an article by Heinz that was printed in the Christian Science Monitor on Dec. 16. In the article, Heinz advocated "carefully defined assistance" to the Afghan rebels in the wake of the Soviet invasion of that country one year ago. Such an aid program should be "carried out without fan-

fare to avoid forcing the Soviets into a reaction."

Heinz got his reaction from Tass anyway.

The Tass story claimed Heinz's article was one of a "spate of false stories on this subject." Reporter Kornilov wrote "life in Afghanistan is gradually coming back to normal, despite machinations by its enemies; and this normalization is a sure guarantee that the misinformation will be dispelled sooner or later."

One can say one thing about "imperialists" such as Heinz, Kornilov wrote:

"A lie will never become a truth, even if it is repeated many times."

Heinz was informed about his Soviet detractor by the Central Intelligence Agency, which regularly alerts members of Congress to articles written about them in Tass.